# **Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission**

Hybrid Public Hearing held in-person and via Zoom Webinar due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, pursuant to 2020 PA 254 (MCL 15.263 and 15.263a), and in compliance with Section 6(10) of Article 4 of Michigan's 1963 Constitution

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Tuesday, May 25, 2021 6:11 PM – 8:58 PM at

Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center 5121 Bay City Road, Midland, MI 48642

# **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry Anthony Eid

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett Cynthia Orton MC Rothhorn Rebecca Szetela Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)

Richard Weiss

**Dustin Joseph Witjes** 

**ABSENT:** Brittni Kellom

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director

Julianne V. Pastula, General Counsel

Edward Woods III, Communications and Outreach Director

Michigan Department of State ("MDOS") staff

**CALL TO ORDER** 

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 6:11 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners except Commissioner Kellom were present and a quorum was met.

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "for Commissioner Clark to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Commissioner Clark provided a history of the MICRC including its strategic plan.

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "for the Executive Director to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Executive Director Hammersmith outlined the purpose of the MICRC and the public hearings.

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "for the General Counsel to provide a presentation" which was adopted. General Counsel Pastula articulated the guidelines for providing public comment.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. . There were 71 individuals who provided in-person public comment: Barb Hadley Miller, Terry Miller, Jacon Hilliker, Mark Bone, Karen Tighe, William Wright, Carol Heron, Mary Ann Herr, Cindy LeVassear, Walter Rupprecht, Anne VanHulle, Angela Mandarang, Many Ann Tabb, Gaye, Kathleen Niemiec, Charles Tabb, John Milne, Frank Cloutier, Caroline Ross, Jake Terwileger, Amy Roten, Amanda Oster, Jennis Quehl, Rodney Kloha, Diane Middleton, Robi Rodriguez, Ann Manary, Terry Pruitt, Bill G. Schuette, Christian Velasquez, Cathy Leikhim, Fred Thomas, Jennifer Mishic, Nicholas Kroll, Mary Murphy, Diane Bristol, Andrew Reder, Angie Miller, Deborah Moore, Tina Anganis, Julie Atkinson, Jill Haver-Crissman, Julie Carey, Cathy Mitzel, Joe Sova, Stephen Salisbury, Jennifer Austin, Cathy Willermet, Laura Gray, Julie Ortiz, Karen Carey, Jeanette Snyder, Chris Bowen, Chris Waugh, Stephen Stackable, Brenda Rae, Alex Dewitt, Richard Cesaretti, Steve Waugh, Michael Heitman, Sara Ladwin, James Gallant, Elaine Rapanos, Wendy Hovey, Holly Wetzel, Cyndi Tilmann, Eric Pina, Brenda Johnston, Christoper Moultrup, Jeremy Rodgers, Stephanie Baiyasi, Caleb Hortop, There was one individual who provided remote public comment: Joe Weir

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at www.michigan.gov/micrc.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "for the Executive Director to provide acknowledgements" which was adopted. Executive Director Hammersmith thanked the community volunteers and individuals, who gave public comment. Director Hammersmith announced the next public hearing would take place on Thursday, May 27, in Lansing.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Adjourn the hearing. Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The hearing was adjourned at 8:58 PM.